

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-II

DATE: 24 May 2007

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Health Policy Forum

ATTENDANCE:

Committee II: Present: Victoria Almeida, Esq., (Vice Chair), Catherine E. Graziano, RN, Ph.D., Robert J. Quigley, DC, (Chair), Larry Ross, Reverend David Shire (Secretary)

Not Present: Rosemary Booth Gallogly, Wallace Gernt, Maria Gil

Excused Absence: Raymond C. Coia, Esq., Robert Hamel, Denise Panichas

Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, Michael K. Dexter, Joseph G. Miller, Esq.

Public: (Attached)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Time Extension for the Minutes Availability

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 PM. The Chairman noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. The Chairman requested a motion for the extension of time for the availability of minutes pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. A motion was made, seconded and passed by five in favor and none opposed (5-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Graziano, Quigley, Ross, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the application of American Senior Communities II, LLC d/b/a American Senior Living Communities RI II, LLC for change in effective control of Herbert's Nursing Home, Inc. a 133-bed nursing facility at 180 Log Road in Smithfield.

Mr. Goulet, legal counsel to the applicant, stated the transaction is acquisition of an existing RI nursing home facility. The applicant stated that it owns facilities through its principals, in Maryland and Pennsylvania. The applicant noted that, through a separate LLC, it is managing the Mount St. Francis nursing home, which has completed a successful inspection. The applicant stated that the transaction involves an asset purchase. The applicant intends to keep employees

intact and that the change in ownership should be a relatively seamless transition.

The applicant stated that Herbert's is a good facility; and the applicant will preserve that history. The applicant will have an unencumbered line of credit from an independent entity at the closing. Mr. Boyer and Mr. Griggs will be providing the equity and credit.

A member asked the applicant regarding its plans concerning culture change. The applicant stated that they are moving forward with culture change. The applicant stated that the facility does not require any major renovations. The applicant described its recreational programs and its commitment to encourage culture change.

With regards to questions about staffing, the applicant stated that it would bring the facility up to a more standard staffing model.

It was noted that track record information regarding the applicant was still outstanding from some states.

The applicant stated that its home office would be located in East Greenwich.

The applicant was requested to provide information regarding the chain of command.

The next item on the agenda was the application of Specialty Personnel Services, Inc. for initial licensure of a Home Nursing Care provider agency at 790 Charles Street in Providence. Applicant presently holds a license as a Home Care Provider agency. The proposed application is for an additional license.

Ms. Pare-larossi, Director of Nursing, represented the applicant. The Committee asked questions regarding the applicant's admission criteria, and charity care policy. The Committee noted inconsistencies in the language of the policy. It was noted that the Committee may add a condition that the applicant may not refuse to take care of the patient regardless of their ability to pay.

Staff noted that Home Nursing Care Providers, as a requirement for licensure, need to provide 1% charity care. The Committee noted that if the Department gets a complaint that a patient came in and was refused care that the patient could not afford, that it could jeopardize the applicant's license.

The Committee questioned applicant's financial information. The Committee requested that a financial person clarify the financial projection, that the applicant provide a reference from the office of Medicaid and that a corporate representative be in attendance at the next meeting.

Staff addressed questions regarding the review process. It was noted that both the financial viability and charity care policy issues must be clarified.

There was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Valentina D. Adamova